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REGIMENT DISCUSSES THE F-111 AIRCRAFT

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ON 3 OCTOBER, THE CONTROLLER FOR THE 293RD RECONNAISSANCE REGIMENT (PHUC YEN AREA) INFORMED GCI RADAR COMPANY 43 (HANOI/ 21-04N 105-47E) THAT THE F-111 WOULD SOON BE USED IN A ROUTINE MANNER BUT THAT ITS PERFORMANCE WAS NOT SUPERIOR AND NOT TO BE FEARED. THE REPORT STATED, \$THE ENEMY IS USING F-4'S TO ATTACK NVN AND HAS SUFFERED WITH REVERSES. RECENTLY THEY BEGAN TO USE F-111 (C VAL - A'S) TO ATTACK NVN AND HE SHOT DOWN ONE. SOON THE ENEMY WILL CHANGE OVER TO ((C VAL - ROUTINELY)) USING MANY F-111'S. THERE IS NOTHING SUPERIOR NOT FRIGHTENING IN THE F-111'S FUNCTIONS OR CHARACTERISTICS. ((2 OR GRBLD/MSD)) LONG-RANGE TRACKING ((1 GR UNK)) TIMELY ALERTS. \$ COMMENTS THIS IS THE THIRD NVN RECONNAISSANCE REGIMENT NOTED DISCUSSING THE F-111 WITH ITS SUBORDINATE RADAR COMPANIES SINCE 30 SEPTEMBER. ((1)) IN NONE OF THESE REPORTS NOTED TO DATE HAS ANY OF THE REGIMENTS EXPRESSED ANY GREAT INCREASE OF CONCERN OR INDICATED ANY INCREASED DEFENSIVE POSTURE TO COUNTER THE F-111 ACTIVITY. THE ONLY INSTURCTIONS HANDED DOWN THUS FAR HAVE CONCERNED THE METHODS NEEDED TO IDENTIFY THE F-111 ON THE RADAR SCOPES. ((1)) 2/00/VCK/R1030-72, 032033Z OCT 72, 2/00/VCK/R1045-72, 06 ((OCT 72 (FORTHCOMING))). XXHH 400 03179 NNN

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